



General Assembly

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## ***Substitute Bill No. 300***



### ***AN ACT CONCERNING PERSONS WHO DECONTAMINATE REUSABLE MEDICAL INSTRUMENTS OR DEVICES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2014*) (a) As used in this  
2       section:

3       (1) "Central service technician" means a person who (A)  
4       decontaminates, prepares, packages, sterilizes, stores and distributes  
5       reusable medical instruments or devices in a health care facility,  
6       whether such person is employed by the health care facility or  
7       provides services pursuant to a contract with the health care facility,  
8       and (B) is not a health care provider acting within the health care  
9       provider's scope of practice or a student or intern performing such  
10      functions under the direct supervision of a health care provider as part  
11      of the student's or intern's training or internship.

12      (2) "Health care facility" means an outpatient surgical facility, as  
13      defined in section 19a-493b of the general statutes, or a hospital, as  
14      defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes.

15      (3) "Health care provider" means any person or organization that  
16      provides health care services and is licensed in accordance with title 20  
17      of the general statutes.

18      (b) (1) No person shall engage in the practice of a central service

19 technician unless the person is certified by the International  
20 Association of Healthcare Central Service Materiel Management or the  
21 Certification Board for Sterile Processing and Distribution, Inc. or is  
22 certified or otherwise recognized by another professional organization  
23 that is deemed acceptable by the Commissioner of Public Health  
24 pursuant to regulations adopted under subsection (g) of this section.

25 (2) Any person who has performed the functions of a central service  
26 technician prior to October 1, 2014, may engage in the practice of a  
27 central service technician on and after October 1, 2014, provided such  
28 person meets the certification or recognition requirements of this  
29 subsection not later than April 1, 2016.

30 (c) No health care facility shall employ or contract for the services of  
31 a central service technician unless such person meets the requirements  
32 of subsection (b) of this section. Any health care facility that employs  
33 or contracts for the services of a central service technician on October 1,  
34 2014, shall provide written notice to such central service technician of  
35 his or her status as a central service technician.

36 (d) (1) Each central service technician shall complete a minimum of  
37 ten hours of continuing education annually. The continuing education  
38 shall be in areas related to the functions of a central service technician.  
39 A central service technician may request, in writing, an extension of  
40 time to complete such continuing education requirements from the  
41 International Association of Healthcare Central Service Materiel  
42 Management or Certification Board for Sterile Processing and  
43 Distribution, Inc. Said association or board may grant a central service  
44 technician described in subdivision (2) of subsection (b) of this section  
45 an extension of time to complete such continuing education  
46 requirements. A health care facility may grant a central service  
47 technician an extension of time to complete the continuing education  
48 requirements.

49 (2) A request for an extension of time to complete the continuing  
50 education requirements under this subsection shall be granted for

51 good cause, including, but not limited to, the medical disability or  
 52 illness of a central service technician that requires an extended leave of  
 53 absence from the central service technician's work or a central service  
 54 technician's active service in the armed forces, as defined in subsection  
 55 (a) of section 27-103 of the general statutes. Any central service  
 56 technician who is granted an extension of time to complete the  
 57 continuing education requirements because of a medical disability or  
 58 illness shall complete such continuing education requirements not later  
 59 than ninety days after the medical disability or illness that prevented  
 60 completion of the continuing education requirement has been  
 61 resolved. Any central service technician who is granted an extension of  
 62 time to complete the continuing education requirements because of  
 63 active service in the armed forces shall complete such requirements not  
 64 later than ninety days after the central service technician's return to  
 65 work from such active service.

66 (e) A health care facility shall, upon the request of a central service  
 67 technician, verify, in writing, the central service technician's dates of  
 68 employment or the contract period during which the central service  
 69 technician provided services to the health care facility.

70 (f) The Commissioner of Public Health shall enforce the provisions  
 71 of this section.

72 (g) The Commissioner of Public Health may adopt regulations, in  
 73 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to  
 74 implement the provisions of this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2014	New section

**Statement of Legislative Commissioners:**

In Subsec. (b)(2), "April 1, 2016" was moved to the end of the sentence, for clarity; and in Subsec. (d)(1), "Healthcare" was added before "Central", for accuracy.

***PH***      *Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO*